

9th RECTORS' FORUM OF SOUTHEAST EUROPE AND WESTERN BALKANS 11-12/09/24 UKLO BITOLA



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DETAILED AGENDA

Main venues:

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Physical locations:



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[Faculty of Technical Sciences of University St. Kliment Ohridski Bitola \(Google maps\)](#)

Makedonska Falanga, 7000 Bitola, Republic of North Macedonia



[Rectorate of University St. Kliment Ohridski Bitola \(Google maps\)](#)

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11th September 2024

9th Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans

Host: University St. Kliment Ohridski - Bitola

Venue: Faculty of Technical Sciences – Bitola, Grand amphitheater, Makedonska falanga 37, Bitola
([Map](#))

a. 9.00 – 9.30: Registration of participants

b. 9.00 – 9.30: Statements for the press

- Prof. Dr. Igor Nedelkovski, Rector of the University St. Kliment Ohridski – Bitola
- Prof. Dr. Torsten Meier, President of the COLOURS Alliance
- Prof. Dr. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, President of the Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans

9.30 – 10.00: Welcome address

- Prof. Dr. Igor Nedelkovski, Rector of the University St. Kliment Ohridski – Bitola
- Prof. Dr. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, President of the Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans

10.00 – 10.15: Introduction to the event

- Prof. Dr. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, President of the Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans
- Prof. Dr. Ivan Svetlik, University of Ljubljana

10.15 – 11.00: Plenary session on European University Alliances

- Prof. Dr. Joseph Garrell, President of the European University Association (*online*)

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, President of the Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 - 13:00: Round table: How will university alliances develop in the future?

- As new European universities as legal entities (how will relations between THE alliance members and THE new entities be organised, the question of competition, synergy, etc.)
- As a federation of universities (whose common function will be established on federal level: Student enrolment, European degree, issuing of diplomas etc.)
- They remain as they are
- They will be abolished
- Financing of the alliances

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Joseph Garrell, President of the EUA (*online*)
- Prof. Dr. Torsten Meier, President of the COLOURS Alliance
- Dr. Mattia Bellotti, Secretary General of the EUTOPIA Alliance
- Maria-Valerie Schegk, Secretary General of the YUFE Alliance

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Snježana Prijić-Samaržija, President of the Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans

GROUP PHOTO - in the branded premisses of the faculty amphitheater

Walk to the White House, Dimitar Ilievski - Murato 20, Bitola 7000, [Map](#)

13.00 - 14:15: Lunch

14:15 – 15:30: Matchmaking between participants

Parallel sessions in two groups: 14.15 – 14.50 – group change - 14.55 – 15.30

- Interreg UniAdrion-Ionian programme, Moderator: Prof. Dr. Igor Nedelkovski, Rector of the University St. Kliment Ohridski – Bitola
- Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ivan Svetlik, University of Ljubljana

15:30 – 16:00: Coffee break

Walk back to the Faculty of Technical Sciences (group a) and to the Co-Space front office (group b)

a. 16:00 – 17:30: Rectors' Forum General Assembly - *for the formal members*

Report from the Secretariat:

- Financial Report and Financial Plan
- Reports and plans of the working groups
- Requests for the membership

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ivan Svetlik, University of Ljubljana

b. 16:00 – 17:30: COLOURS European University Alliance Co-Space promotional front office visit - *for all participants who do not formally participate in the General Assembly, by foot to the location on the Main street*

19:00 Multimedia Theater Performance – One century of science and knowledge

Venue: National Theater Bitola (Shirok Sokak 60, Bitola) ([Map](#))

~ 20:30: Buffet Dinner at the National Theater Bitola (Shirok Sokak 60, Bitola)

12th September 2024
9th Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans
Venue: University St. Kliment Ohridski - Bitola

9.00 – 10:30: Meeting point: Rectorate building, Address: *Bulevar 1 Maj, bb, Bitola* ([Map](#))

Traditional host festivity of welcoming guests with coffee and lokum

GROUP PHOTO - in front of the Rectorate building

Walk through the Main street, short visit to the CoSpace front office, and GROUP PHOTO - in front of the CoSpace

Venue: Faculty of Technical Sciences – Bitola ([Map](#))

Address: Makedonska falanga 37, Bitola

10:30 – 12.30: Values of universities

- Integrity in universities, Speaker: Prof. Dr. Rifat Škrijelj, Rector of the University of Sarajevo
- Universities for peace, Speaker: Prof. Dr. Enita Nakaš, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation of the University of Sarajevo
- Gender equality and diversity (UNIGEM project), SpeakerL Dr. Zilka Spahić Šiljak, University of Sarajevo

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ivan Svetlik

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12.30 – 14.00: Lunch and matchmaking between participants and alliances

Walk to the Faculty of Technical Sciences.

14:00 – 15:30: Round table discussion: Values of universities

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Mirjana Nikolić, Rector of the University of Arts in Belgrade
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bernard Dosti, Vice-Rector of the University of Tirana
- Dr. Gazela Pudar Draško, University of Belgrade, Director of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
- Prof. Dr. Nataša Poklar Ulrih, University of Ljubljana, EUTOPIA institutional coordinator

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ivan Svetlik

17:00 - evening: Visit to the world-famous Tobacco Museum and the Institute of Tobacco (part of UKLO) in Prilep ([Map](#))

- Meeting point : Hotel Epinal, Pece Matichovski 15, Bitola 7000, [Map](#)
- Bus transfer to Prilep
- Dinner and open-air party
- Return journey by bus to Bitola

13th September 2024
Optional

Excursion to Ohrid / Lake Ohrid (bus transfer, guided tour and lunch in Ohrid)

Meeting point : Hotel Epinal, Pece Matichovski 15, Bitola 7000, [Map](#)

09:00: Departure from Bitola

- Guided Tour: Ohrid Cultural Heritage: visiting main cultural sites
- Field study: Tourism as a Horizontal Priority in the Smart Specialization Strategy
- Lunch prepared by students of Gastronomy

17:00: Departure from Ohrid

18:30: Arrival in Bitola

For any further information please contact see-wb@uni-lj.si and the hosts rector@uklo.edu.mk.

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